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zirconia, it provides thermal resistance properties. By applying a second layer A of alumina, it provides oxygen protection to the intermediate zirconia layer. Such a concept of graded coatings can be used in other applications as well and by using other materials. Furthermore, the multilayered materials can be selected from ceramics-ceramics, metal-ceramics, metal-metal, and mixtures thereof. --

In the claims:

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Please amend claim 23 as follows:

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23. (Twice Amended) The multilayered coated material according to Claim 22, wherein the multilayered materials are selected from the group consisting of ceramics-ceramics, metal-ceramics; metal-metal; and mixtures thereof.

## Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the application is requested for reasons set forth below.

Claims 19-25 are pending in this application. Claim 23 is to be amended on entry of this amendment, which entry is requested since amendment of the specification was occasioned by rejection of claim 23 on the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 and it is necessary to limit the scope of claim 23 since the issue arose for the first time when the Examiner concluded that "... the Markush group claimed by Applicant encompasses almost all conceivable groups of materials..."